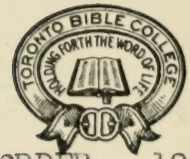

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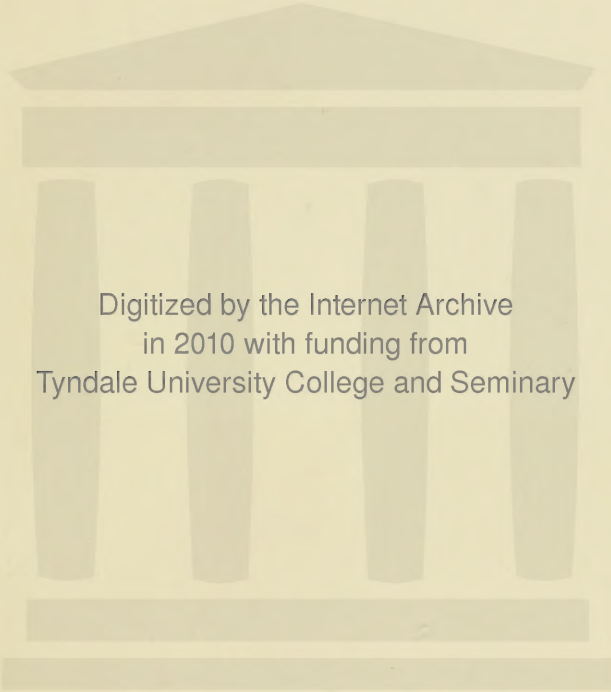

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Steady Growth.

The record of the Bible Training School for the present term is one of steady growth. The enrolment of students in the Day Classes is 43, as against 41 at the same date in November of last year, and in the Evening Classes it is 206, as against 176. The students who were laboring in Home Mission fields during the summer months give encouraging reports of their work, and several of those who have recently gone to the Foreign field are entering with great hopefulness on their new duties. The prospects of the School were never brighter. Its students are now found in different departments of Christian service on every continent, and its far-reaching influence can hardly be over-estimated. For all this we are very thankful.

Two Adjuncts to Bible Study.

The great object of the Bible Training School is to impart a thorough and systematic training in the knowledge and practical use of the English Bible. In addition to this, the attention of the students is turned to methods of Christian service. They are encouraged and directed to engage in regular outside work in missions, in house-to-house visitation, in Sunday School and Bible Class teaching, in evangelistic and inquirers' meetings, and in other forms of practical service, in which they may not only be the means of accomplishing a large amount of present good, but may also acquire an experience that will be valuable in the coming days. Another adjunct to Bible study is prayer. Indeed, as the great Martin Luther said, "To have prayed well is to have studied well." The spiritual life of the student is of paramount importance. In these days of intense activity, there is special need of prayer, that Christian life may be maintained and Christian work accomplished. In the regular devotional service of the School it is not too much to say that hundreds of requests have been answered, and hundreds of souls have been blessed. We can have no fear for the future of this great enterprise, when Bible study, Christian work and fervent prayer go hand in hand.

Losses by Death.

During the last two months the Training School has lost three of its friends by death. The first of these was Mrs. John Harris, of Brantford, a noble Christian woman, who aided many good causes, and was a liberal supporter of the School from its beginning. The next was Lieut. Col. Hy. McLaren, of Hamilton, who for the last three years was a regular contributor to our fun ls, and showed a warm interest in the work. The third was Mr. R S. Schell, of Brantford, who was much interested in Bible study, and for several years was a member of our General Council. For the fellowship of such Christian helpers we are devoutly thankful: they now rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Our prayer is that God may raise up others like-minded to take their place.

Going to China and India.

Two of our students, Miss E. E. Naylor, of this City, and Miss Grace E. Brooking, of Winnipeg, formerly of Guelph, have been accepted for service by the China Inland Mission, and have left for their distant field of labor. They were both very successful students in the Evening Classes.

Two students of the Day Classes, Miss Barbara Mould and Mr. J. K. McCormick, left last week to labor in connection with the Industrial Evangelical Mission at Pilibhit, Northern India. A special prayer and designation service of much interest was held in the Assembly Hall of the School previous to their departure. Miss Middleton, one of our graduates, who is superintendent of the Nursing-at-home Mission, is the Ontario Secretary of this new mission, which is very highly recommended.

Much prayer is offered for these four friends, and especially! is prayer requested for Mr. McCormick, that his health, which has improved of late, may, by the Lord's blessing, be completely restored.

Our Students in Burma.

The three students from India, who finished their course of study with us last session, Messrs. B. C. Sircar, Daniel Solomon, and Israel Ramalingam, have reached Burma safely, and all entered on useful missionary service. They are employed in Bible teaching in the large school carried on in Rangoon by Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong, of the American Missionary Union. In addition to this work, Mr. Sircar has taken charge of an Urdu Church, where his ministry has already been blessed with additions to the membership. Solomon has preached his first sermon in Tamil, from the text, "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." He also accompanied some members of the Armstrong family on an evangelistic tour to Maulmain, where, as the result of ten days' special services, some twelve persons made a profession of their faith in Christ. We are very thankful to have this good news of our Indian students, and we sincerely trust that they will continue to be useful and faithful in the Master's service.

From the Argentine Republic.

Miss Maud West, one of our graduates, who left about two years ago to labor in connection with the mission carried on by Mr. Linton in South America, has sent us a note of good cheer from Cordovia in the Argentine Republic. In the district where she is now laboring, gross ignorance and superstition abound, but there are many open doors, and several cases of true conversion have occurred among the superstitious Romanists. She adds that there is an untold field for workers, and sends her grateful affection to the instructors of the Bible Training School.

Evangelistic Band.

The students have re-organized their Evangelistic Band, which is composed of 30 or more young men and women, including several students from the Evening Classes. Already several meetings have been held with great blessing and success: many have professed conversion, and backsliders have been restored. Engagements have been made for future work that will occupy almost every Sunday evening up to the end of the year. The Band is under the able and energetic leadership of Mr. L. W. Collins, assisted by Mr. E. C. Austin and Miss Lila Russell, Secretary. We earnestly desire the prayers of all friends of the School on behalf of this important work.

Student Volunteer Band.

The officers of the Student Volunteer Band for the present Session are: President, Mr. E. C. Austin; Secretary, Mrs. S. T. V. Mason. The number of volunteers at the commencement of the Session is more than double that of the same period last year. While there is missed this year the helpful and inspiring presence of fellow students from foreign lands, yet the missionary purpose and spirit is strong and deep, as evidenced by the attendance at the missionary prayer meeting held every Thursday morning, and also by the interest taken in the Mission Study Class held on Tuesday afternoon. The class is engaged at present in the study of missionary biography, under the leadership of Miss Mina Howden, assisted by Miss K. M. Holmes.

Medical Lecturers.

The Committee in charge of the medical lectures of the session have been able to complete satisfactory arrangements. Dr. Bowie is giving lectures on the "Practice of Medicine," every Wednesday afternoon, and has been dealing with the important subject of "Emergencies." Dr. Hooper has a class of ladies every Thursday afternoon, to whom he gives instruction on "Obstetrics," and the nursing of women. Dr. Allan Shore is a new member of the staff, who has kindly taken the place of Dr. Porter, temporarily absent from the city, and is lecturing every Friday afternoon on the foundation studies of Anatomy and Physiology. All these classes have a good attendance, and the students manifest much interest in the lectures.

Testimony to the School.

The *Episcopal Recorder* of Philadelphia, of July 7th, contains a report of the ordination by Bishop Hoffman of Rev. George Orman, one of our students, and now Rector of Emmanuel Church, Toronto. Dr. Stewart preached the sermon on the occasion, and gave a short charge to the candidate. The account of the ordination closes with the following tribute to the work of the Training School:

"The course of study that Mr. Orman has been pursuing in the Bible Training School in Toronto, as his examiners for ordination can testify, enabled him to pass an examination in every way creditable to himself and to the careful, thorough and evangelical instruction that is imparted in this splendid school for the study of the Book of all books."

Mr. Orman had large experience in Christian work before coming to Canada. We wish him much blessing in his ministry in the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Special Lecturers.

The first special lecturer for this term was Rev. H. W. Frost, of Philadelphia, who gave the classes some very valuable and helpful instruction on the "Inspiration of the Scriptures." Our other visiting lecturer is Rev. T. C. DesBarres, who has presented to the students a very able and impressive exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Notes.

The beginning of January is a good time for new students to enter the Bible Training School.

Rev. J. G. Brown gave an excellent address to the Mission Study Class the other Tuesday afternoon.

After the Christmas holidays, the work of the classes will be resumed on Thursday, January 5th, 1905.

Four of the present students of the Day Classes have been, or are now, engaged in the Christian ministry.

Mr. J. A. Henderson, a recent graduate, was married on Thanksgiving day by the Principal of the School to Miss H. M. Sage. We wish them all happiness.

We hear a good report of the work done by Miss Alice Hitchon in the west end of the city as a Sunday School teacher and visitor. She has recently organized a useful Normal class.

Rev. W. G. White, one of our first students, who has been for nine years a devoted laborer among the Indians on the Grand River reservation, has accepted a call to a pastorate at Hesperia, Michigan.

The class in vocal music is again taught this session by Mr. A. T. Cringan, Mus. Bac. There is an excellent attendance, and the students greatly appreciate the valuable instruction they are receiving.

The written examinations of the present term will be held from Thursday, December 15th to Wednesday, December 21st. The examination of the Evening Classes will take place on Thursday, December 15th, and Tuesday, December 20th.

Among those in attendance at the recent Sunday School Institute were Rev. Thomas McKay, Methodist minister, and Rev. A. E. Armstrong. B.A., Presbyterian minister. Both of them were for a time students of the School. They spoke in terms of grateful appreciation of the great benefit they had received from their studies with us.

Miss A. Bertha Mossip, one of our esteemed graduates, who has done good service as an evangelist, has been married to Rev. J. F. Sutcliffe, Methodist minister, Grand Bend, Ont. We extend our congratulations.

The attendance at the Sunday School Institute held last month at McMaster University was not as large as was expected; but the excellent addresses given were found to be very helpful by the pastors, theological students, and Sunday School workers who were present.

Miss Martha Marr, a second year student, was called away from the classes for a few weeks by the somewhat sudden death of her father at Caledonia, N. Y. Her fellow-students united in a special letter of condolence, and in earnest prayer that she and the bereaved ones might be graciously sustained and comforted.

The next Students public meeting is arranged for Monday, Dec. 5th. Addresses on Bible themes will be given by Misses Lesslie and Russell and Messrs. Collins and Ransom, representing the Day Classes, and by Mr. R. D. Lees representing the Evening Classes. Friends of the School are cordially invited.

We have just received an interesting letter from Mr. Wm. J. Hanna, telling of the blessing which is attending him at his station in the province of Yunnan, China. Hostility has in large measure abated, there have been some conversions, and among the inquirers are persons of education and good standing in the community.

Receipts for General Fund

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